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## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 6922 NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 23, 2006

BILL NUMBER: HB 1314 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Substance and Alcohol Use During Pregnancy.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. C Lawson

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill requires the State Department of Health to study the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by pregnant women. The bill requires the study to be completed and a report to be submitted to the Legislative Council and the Health Finance Commission before October 1, 2006.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The State Department of Health has estimated that the study required by this bill would cost from \$75,000 to \$130,000 to complete within the time frame allowed. The Department reports that 3 temporary staff persons would need to be contracted; two professionals with research and medical epidemiology backgrounds would be necessary as well as an administrative support person.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Appropriation Background: The State Department of Health administrative appropriations were made from the dedicated Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for FY 2006 and FY 2007. Revenues from fees and penalties collected by the Department are deposited in the state General Fund, with augmentation allowed in amounts not to exceed the additional revenue from fees or penalties received after July 1, 2003.

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**Explanation of State Revenues:** 

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** 

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** 

**State Agencies Affected:** State Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:** 

**Information Sources:** State Department of Health.

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